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Re: Genetically Engineered Food - OPPOSE

Dear Secretary Glickman and Ms. Henney:

I am writing to demand that your agencies require the labeling and testing of genetically-engineered food so that consumers can make an informed decision. These methods should be banned outright, but short of that, labeling and testing are the absolute minimum that our government can do to protect its citizenry.

Other countries are refusing to import genetically-engineered crops and this country seems to be taking the lead in the other direction. I am outraged that the population of the United States must be ever-vigilant against the poison that its own government and big business foist on it without any warning, while other nations such as Japan, Mexico, and European Union members are concerned for the health of their citizens. At the least, these nations know that genetically-engineered food is economically not viable, a simple logic which eludes the United States.

Do the right thing and protect consumers from the negative consequences of unsafe technological experimentation by corporations who have so demonstrably degraded the environment to date.

Very truly yours,



Karen Elcaness

cc: U.S. Senators Feinstein & Boxer

U.S. Representative Pelosi

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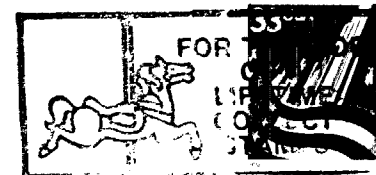
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